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Re: In the Matter of Ronald J. Sharper
Docket No. DRB 00-153
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Sharper:

Pursuant to R.1:20-4(f)(1), the District IV Ethics Committee certified the record in the above matter directly to the Disciplinary Review Board for the imposition of discipline, following your failure to file an answer to the formal ethics complaint. After a review of the record, the Board determined to impose an admonition. Specifically, you were ineligible to practice law from September 21, 1998 through August 19, 1999 for failure to pay the annual assessment to the New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection. Notwithstanding your ineligibility, you practiced law during that period. In addition, you failed to maintain a bona fide office in New Jersey when you rented office space from a semi-retired attorney and failed to insure that, when you were not at the office, a responsible person would be present to act on your behalf. Your conduct was unethical and in violation of RPC 5.5(a) and R.1:21-1(a).

In imposing only an admonition, the Board gave weighty consideration to your unblemished ethics history after fifty-one years of practice.


Your conduct adversely reflected not only upon you as an attorney, but also upon all members of the bar. Accordingly, the Board has directed the issuance of this admonition to you. R. 1:20-15(f)(4).

I/M/O Ronald J. Sharper
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A permanent record of this occurrence has been filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Court and the Board's office. Should you become the subject of any further discipline, it will be taken into consideration.

The Board has also directed that the costs of the disciplinary proceedings be assessed against you. An affidavit of costs will be forwarded under separate cover.

Very truly yours,


Robyn M. Hill

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